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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 || PAUL ROBERTS,

Plaintiff,

14 || v.

15 || GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00506-KES-CDB (PC)

ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

July 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing

18 Plaintiff Paul Roberts is proceeding pro se in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
19 § 1983. The Court has determined that this case will benefit from a settlement conference.
20 Therefore, this case will be referred to Magistrate Judge Jeremy D. Peterson to conduct a
21 settlement conference on July 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be
22 conducted by remote means, with all parties appearing by Zoom video conference.

23 The Court expects that the parties will proceed with the settlement conference in good
24 faith and attempt to resolve all or part of the case. If any party believes that the settlement
25 conference will not be productive, that party shall so inform the court as far in advance of the
26 settlement conference as possible.

27 In accordance with the above, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

28 1. The case is set for a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Jeremy D.

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2 Peterson on July 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be conducted
3 by remote means, with all parties appearing by Zoom video conference.

4 2. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the court, the following individuals must
5 attend the settlement conference: (1) all of the attorney(s) who will try the case; and
6 (2) individuals with full authority to negotiate and settle the case, on any terms.

7 3. No later than one week prior to the settlement conference, each party must submit to
8 Judge Peterson's chambers at jdporders@caed.uscourts.gov, or by mail at U.S. District
9 Court, 501 I Street, Suite 4-200, Sacramento, CA 95814, a confidential settlement
10 conference statement. These statements should neither be filed on the docket nor
11 served on any other party. The statements should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and
12 should state the date and time of the conference. The statements should not be lengthy
13 but should include:

14 a. A brief recitation of the facts;

15 b. A discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case;

16 c. An itemized estimate of the expected costs for further discovery, pretrial, and
17 trial matters, in specific dollar terms;

18 d. Your best estimate of the probability that plaintiff will obtain a finding of
19 liability should this case proceed to trial, in percentage terms;

20 e. Should this case proceed to trial and defendant be found liable, please provide
21 the following, in specific dollar terms:

22 i. A realistic high-end recovery estimate (i.e., realistic best- or worst-case
23 scenario);

24 ii. A realistic low-end recovery estimate (i.e., realistic worst- or best-case
25 scenario); and

26 iii. A best estimate of the most likely outcome;

27 f. A history of settlement discussions, including:

28 i. A statement of your expectations for settlement discussions;

